GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4544
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2003
REFUGEE PROBLEM
MOHAN PONNUSWAMY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries from which the refugees seek asylum to our country;

(b) whether our country is a signatory to the 1951 Convention on the status of Refugees;

(c) if so, the actual number of Foreign Refugees living in the country, State-wise, country-wise; and

(d) the action taken for rehabilitation of these refugees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): India does not give asylum status to refugees from any country.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): The figures are given in the attached Statement.

(d): Relief and rehabilitation assistance is being provided by Govt. of India to Sri Lankan and Tibetan refugees.

STATEMENT PERTAINING TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO. 4544 FOR 22.4.2003 REGARDING REFUGEE PROI ASKED BY SHRI P. MOHAN, MP

STATE/UT & COUNTRY-WISE REGISTERED FOREIGN REFUGEES RESIDING IN INDIA AS ON 31.12.2001.

State	Country	No. of Refugees	Grand Total
Andhra Pradesh	Afghanistan	2	
	Malaysia	2	4
Arunachal Pradesh	Bangladesh	38219	
	Stateless	7356	45575
Bihar	Afghanistan	1	
	Myanmar	3	
	Stateless	8	12
Chandigarh	Afghanistan	1	
	Iran	1	
	Stateless	1	3
Delhi	Afghanistan	10521	
	Iran	43	
	Iraq	3	
	Myanmar	416	
	Stateless	843	11826
Haryana	Afghanistan	1215	1215

Himachal Pradesh	Stateless	17623	17623
Jammu & Kashmir	Stateless	6794	6794
Karnataka	Iran	4	
	Sri Lanka	232	
	Stateless	35455	35691
Madhya Pradesh	Stateless	14	14
Maharashtra	Afghanistan	10	
	Bangladesh	80	
	Iran	6	
	Stateless	1167	1263
Meghalaya	Stateless	488	488
Orissa	Afghanistan	1	
	Iran	3	
	Stateless	2951	2955
Pondicherry	Sri Lanka	27	27
Tamil Nadu	Sri Lanka	63995	63995
Uttar Pradesh	Sri Lanka	189	189
Uttaranchal	Stateless	7228	7228
West Bengal	Afghanistan	2	
	Stateless	3259	3261
Total		198163	